

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in the application. New claims 7-11 have been added.

Specification

Minor changes have been made to the specification to place it in better form for U.S. practice.

Further, minor changes have been made to the pending claims to place them in better form for U.S. practice.

Claim Objections

Claim 2 has been objected to because of some informalities.

Claim 2 has been amended, as suggested by the Examiner, to overcome this objection.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw this objection.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 and 5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Osaka (U.S. Patent 6,023,277). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

With regard to claim 1, the Examiner alleges, in the Office Action, that Osaka discloses an electronic apparatus for obtaining and memorizing image data (memory 11b) representing an image. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

As shown in Fig. 8, the memory 11b of Osaka is accommodated in a host computer 11, which is capable of handling two-dimensional images and three-dimensional images (see col. 14, lines 61-63). However, with regard to the memory 11b, Osaka merely states that is “stores a control program for implementing a processing procedure,” and does not disclose or suggest that

it memorizes “in addition to the image data, an attribute about a dimension of the image represented by the image data depending on whether the obtained image data represents a two dimensional image without parallax or a three dimensional image with parallax,” as recited in claim 1.

With regard to claim 5, the Examiner alleges that Osaka discloses an electronic apparatus for obtaining and memorizing image data (memory 11b) representing an image, and an attribute (file header 51 of Fig. 12) about a format of the image data (3D data 52 or 2D data 53 of Fig. 12) (col. 16, lines 11-19).

However, Osaka does not disclose or suggest that the memory memorizes “an attribute of copyright information,” as recited in claim 5. This feature of the present invention is disclosed in Fig. 8B of the present application.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 2-4 and 6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Osaka in view of Wada (U.S. Patent 6,965,413). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 2-4, dependent on claim 1, are allowable at least for their dependency on claim 1.

Claim 6, dependent on claim 5, is allowable at least for its dependency on claim 5.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

New Claims

Claims 7-9, variously dependent on claim 1, are allowable at least for their dependency on claim 1. Support for the feature recited in claim 7 is disclosed in Fig. 8B, and support for the features recited in claims 8 and 9 is disclosed in Figs. 8B and 14 of the present application.

Claims 10 and 11, dependent on claim 5, are allowable at least for their dependency on claim 5. Support for claim 10 is disclosed in paragraph [0051] of the specification, and support for claim 11 is disclosed in Fig. 14 of the present application.

A favorable determination by the Examiner and allowance of these claims is earnestly solicited.

In view of the above amendment, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Conclusion


Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the rejections and objections, and allowance of the pending claims are earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Maki Hatsumi, Reg. No. 40,417 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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